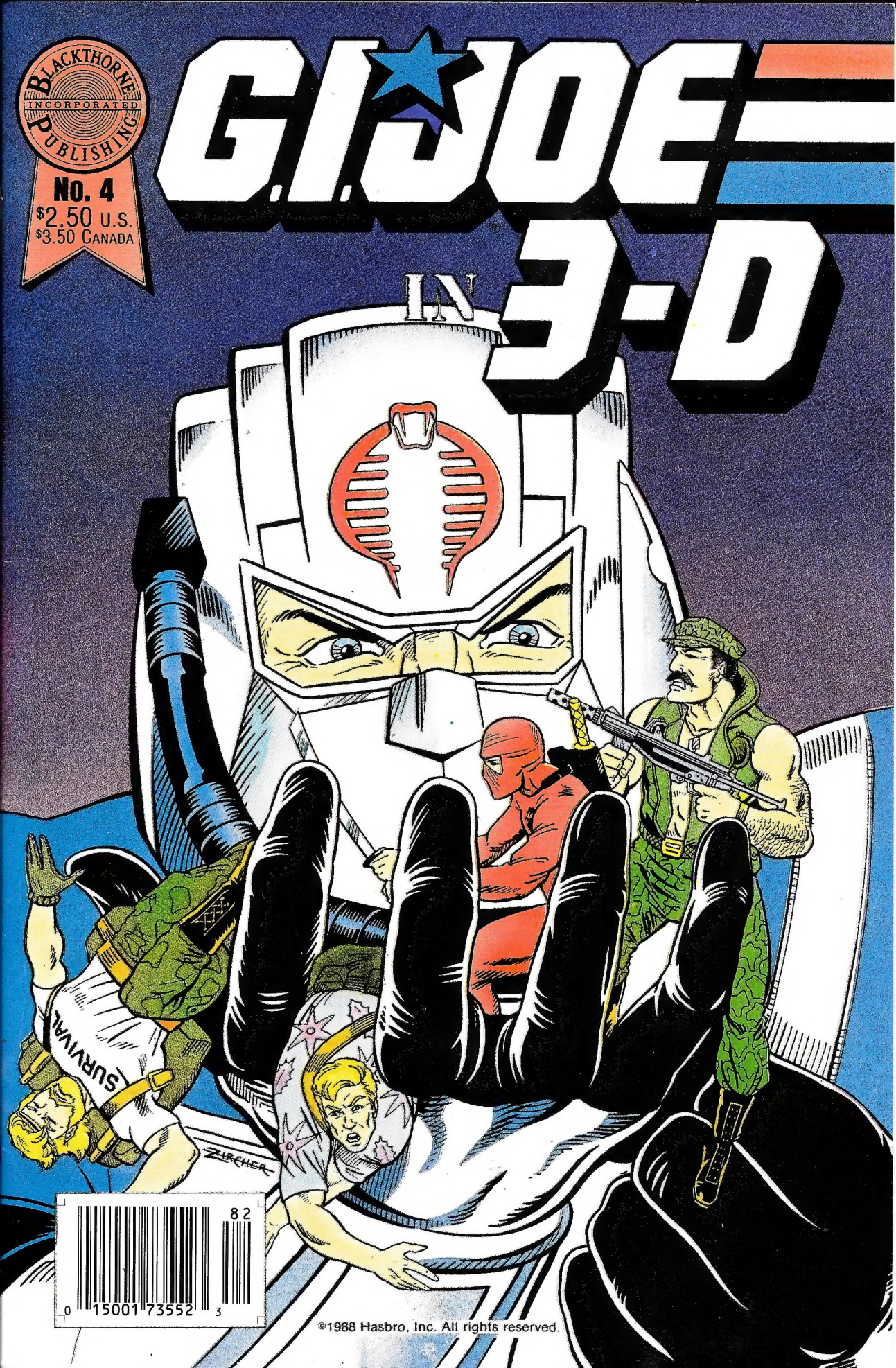
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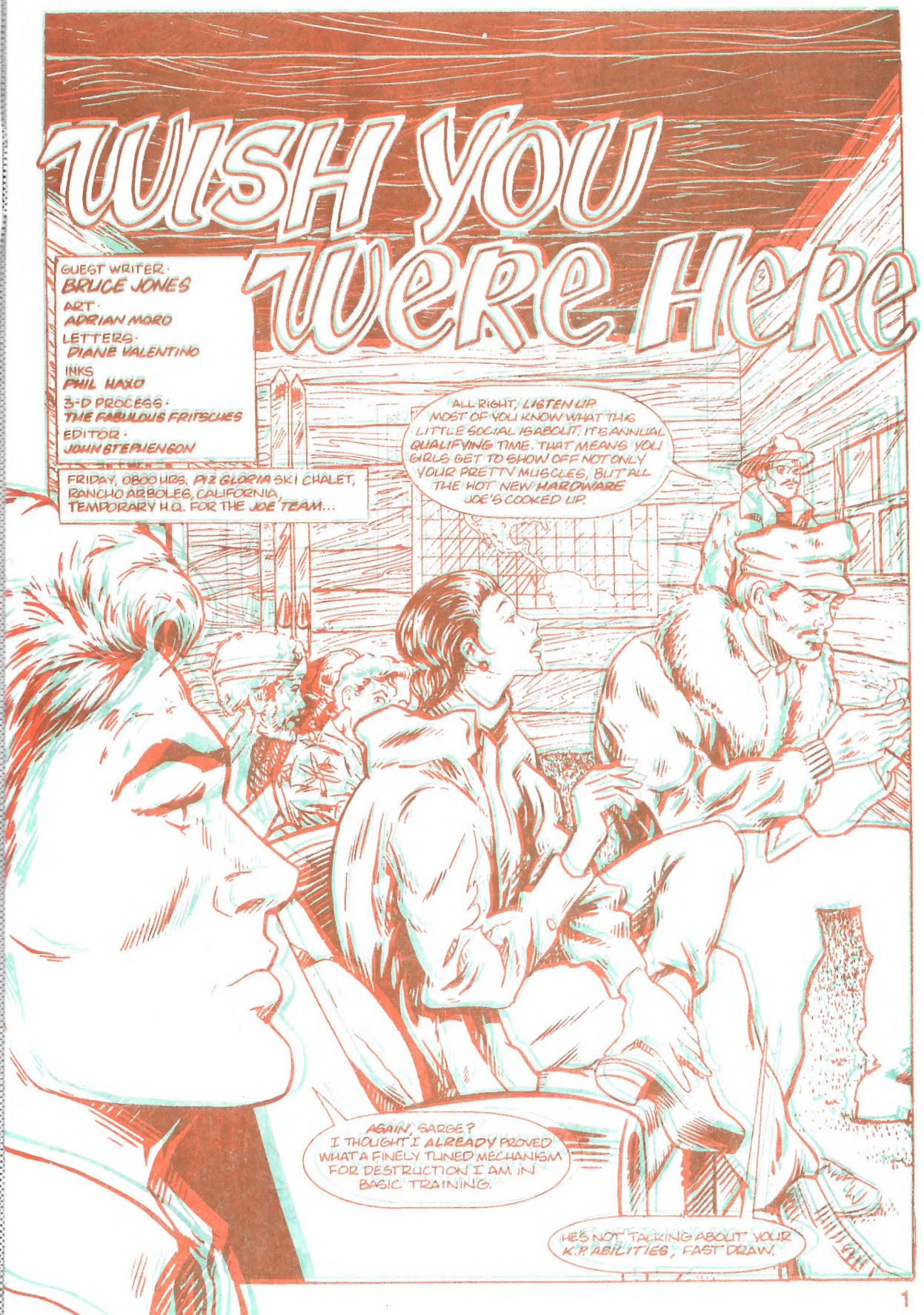
WISH YOU WERE HERE
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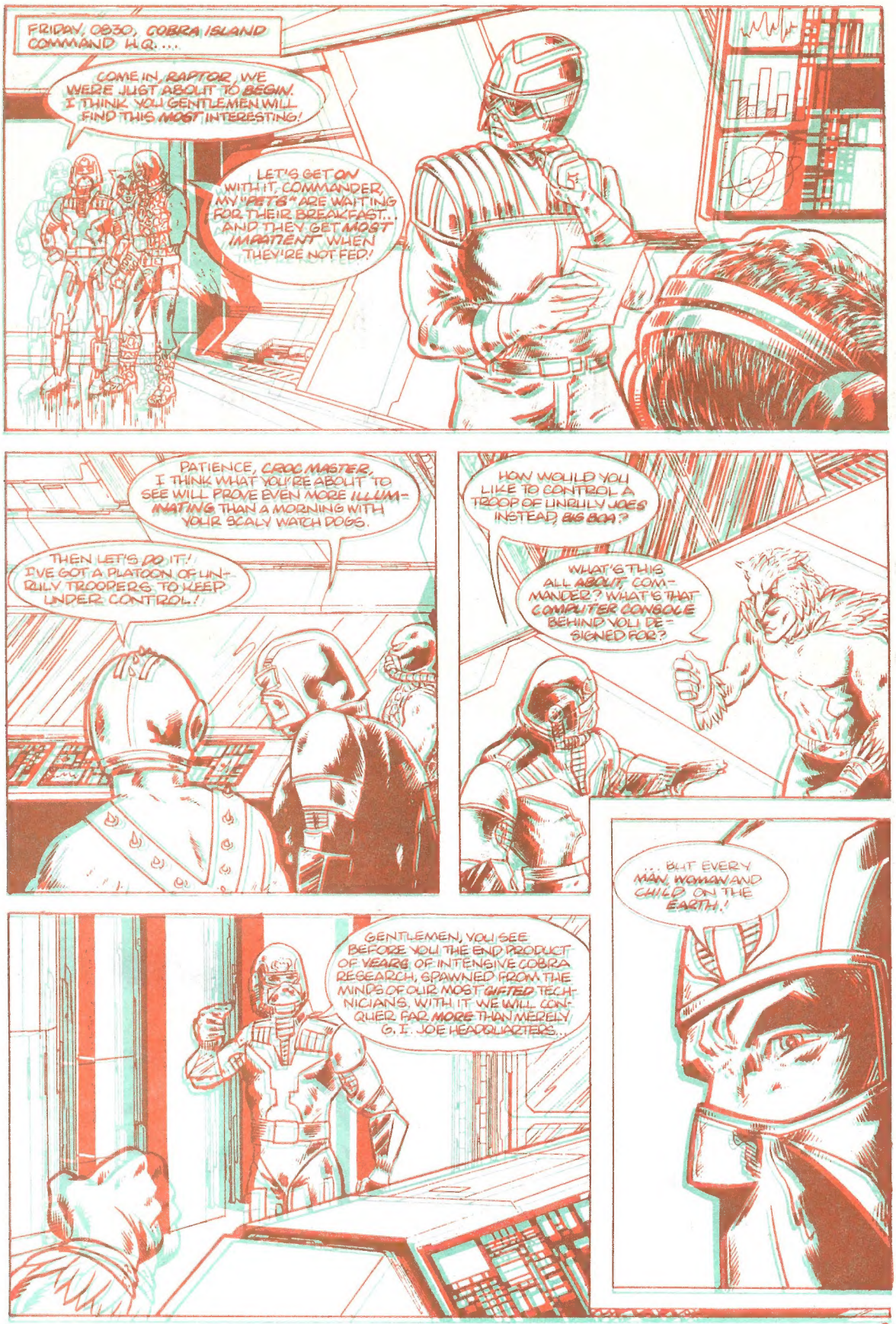
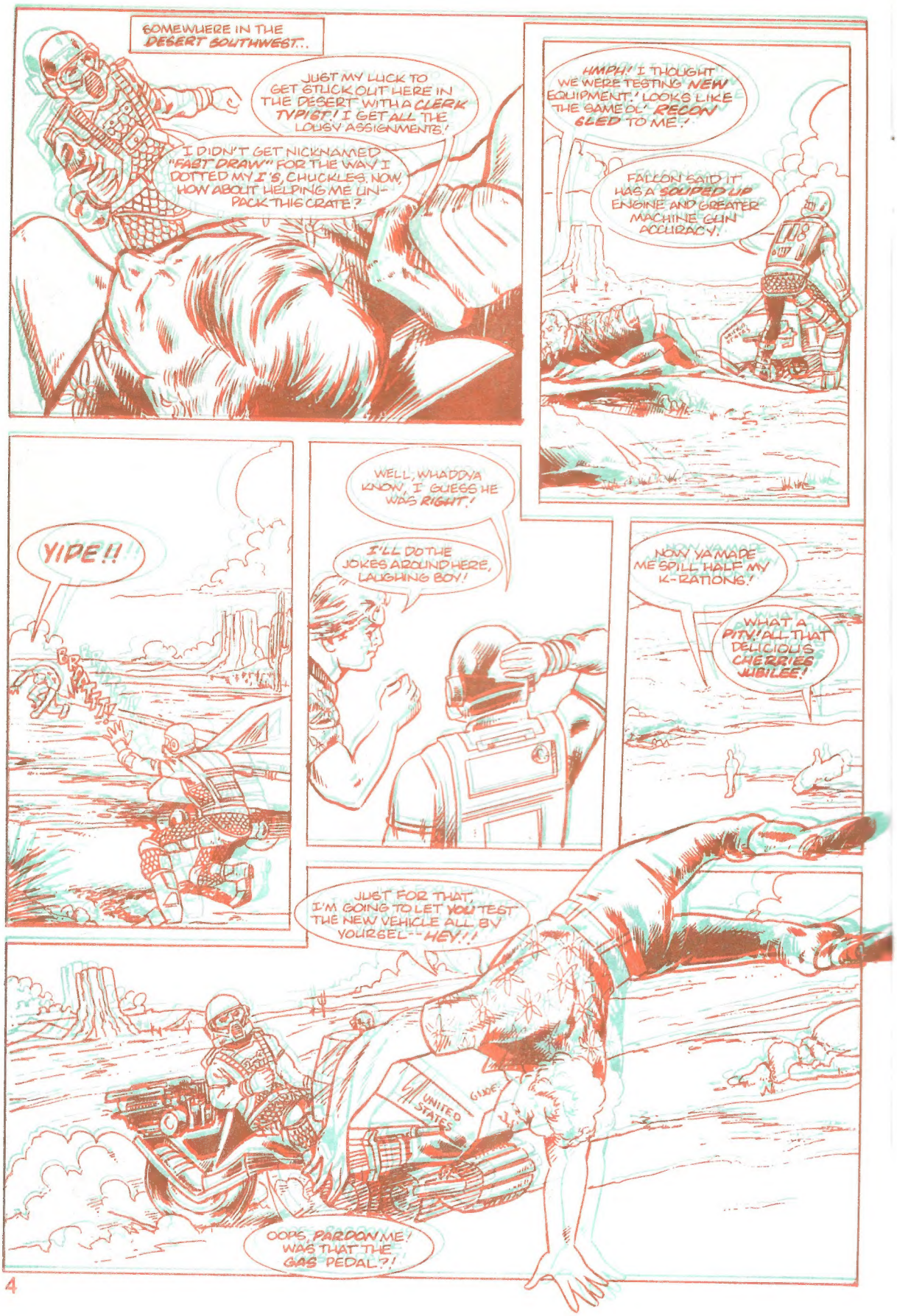
FRIDAY, 0800 HRS, PIZ GLORIA SKI CHALET, RANCHO ARBOLES, CALIFORNIA, TEMPORARY H.Q. FOR THE JOE TEAM...
ALL RIGHT, LISTEN UP. MOST OF YOU KNOW WHAT THIS LITTLE SOCIAL IS ABOUT. IT'S ANNUAL QUALIFYING TIME. THAT MEANS YOU GIRLS GET TO SHOW OFF NOT ONLY YOUR PRETTY MUSCLES, BUT ALL THE HOT NEW HARDWARE JOE'S COOKED UP.
AGAIN, SARGE? I THOUGHT I ALREADY PROVED WHAT A FINELY TUNED MECHANISM FOR DESTRUCTION I AM IN BASIC TRAINING.
HE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR K.P. ABILITIES, FAST DRAW.

ENJOY THAT COFFEE, CHUCKLES, IT'LL BE YOUR LAST CUP FOR A WHILE. LT. FALCON?
THE SERGEANT IS RIGHT, MEN -- AND LADY. AS YOU KNOW, QUALIFYING WITH WEAPONRY NECESSITATES THE MOST STRINGENT OF BIVOUAC TRAINING.
EACH OF YOU WILL BE LIVING IN THE FIELD FOR TWO WEEKS UNDER THE MOST SPARTAN KIND OF CONDITIONS: FIELD PACK, PUP TENT, K-RATIONS. THAT'S IT. NO CIVILIAN CONVENIENCES.
CAN GUNG-HO TAKE HIS RUBBER DUCKY?
WE'LL OPERATE IN TEAMS OF TWO: FAST DRAW, YOU'LL BUNK WITH CHUCKLES. GUNG-HO, YOU'LL TENT WITH MAIN FRAME. OUTBACK, YOU'LL TEAM WITH JINX.
OUTBACK AND JINX? HEY, HOW COME I DON'T GET TO TENT WITH A GIRL?
JINX WILL HAVE HER OWN TENT. EACH TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION BEST SUITED FOR THEIR PARTICULAR WEAPON. ANY QUESTIONS?
YEAH... WHERE'S THE NEAREST NAVAL RECRUITING STATION?
YOUR GOAL IS TO FUNCTION ON YOUR OWN, WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. THUS, YOU WILL BE TAKEN BLINDFOLDED TO YOUR LOCATION AND WILL BE UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH H.Q.. MAIN FRAME HAS WHIPPED TOGETHER A LITTLE WALKIE-TALKIE THAT WILL ALLOW YOU LIMITED TRANSMISSION.
IT'S A CLOSED BAND SYSTEM. THAT MEANS YOU CAN TALK TO PARTNERS, AND OTHER QUALIFIERS, BUT NO ONE ELSE. YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN OUT THERE.
HOT DOG! LET'S GET OVER TO MUNITIONS AND CHOOSE OUR TOYS!
SLOW DOWN, GUNG-HO. YOU DON'T GET TO FIND THAT OUT 'TILL YOU UNPACK YOUR CRATE IN THE FIELD!


FRIDAY, 0830, COBRA ISLAND COMMAND H.Q. ...
COME IN, RAPTOR. WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO BEGIN. I THINK YOU GENTLEMEN WILL FIND THIS MOST INTERESTING!
LET'S GET ON WITH IT, COMMANDER. MY "PETS" ARE WAITING FOR THEIR BREAKFAST... AND THEY GET MOST IMPATIENT WHEN THEY'RE NOT FED!
PATIENCE, CROC MASTER, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE WILL PROVE EVEN MORE ILLUMINATING THAN A MORNING WITH YOUR SCALY WATCH DOGS.
THEN LET'S DO IT! I'VE GOT A PLATOON OF UNRULY TROOPERS TO KEEP UNDER CONTROL!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTROL A TROOP OF UNRULY JOES INSTEAD, BIG BOA?
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, COMMANDER? WHAT'S THAT COMPUTER CONSOLE BEHIND YOU! DESIGNED FOR?
GENTLEMEN, YOU SEE BEFORE YOU THE END PRODUCT OF YEARS OF INTENSIVE COBRA RESEARCH, SPAWNED FROM THE MINDS OF OUR MOST GIFTED TECHNICIANS. WITH IT WE WILL CONQUER FAR MORE THAN MERELY G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS...
... BUT EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON THE EARTH!


SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST...
JUST MY LUCK TO GET STUCK OUT HERE IN THE DESERT WITH A CLERK TYPIST! I GET ALL THE LOUSY ASSIGNMENTS!
I DIDN'T GET NICKNAMED "FAST DRAW" FOR THE WAY I DOTTED MY I'S, CHUCKLES. NOW, HOW ABOUT HELPING ME UNPACK THIS CRATE?
HMPH! I THOUGHT WE WERE TESTING NEW EQUIPMENT.' LOOKS LIKE THE SAME OL' RECON SLED TO ME.'
FALCON SAID IT HAS A SOUPED UP ENGINE AND GREATER MACHINE GUN ACCURACY.
YIPE!!
BRRRT!!
WELL, WHADDYA KNOW, I GUESS HE WAS RIGHT.'
I'LL DO THE JOKES AROUND HERE, LAUGHING BOY!
NOW YA MADE ME SPILL HALF MY K-RATIONS!
WHAT A PITY! ALL THAT DELICIOUS CHERRIES JUBILEE!
JUST FOR THAT, I'M GOING TO LET YOU TEST THE NEW VEHICLE ALL BY YOURSEL--HEY!!
UNITED STATES
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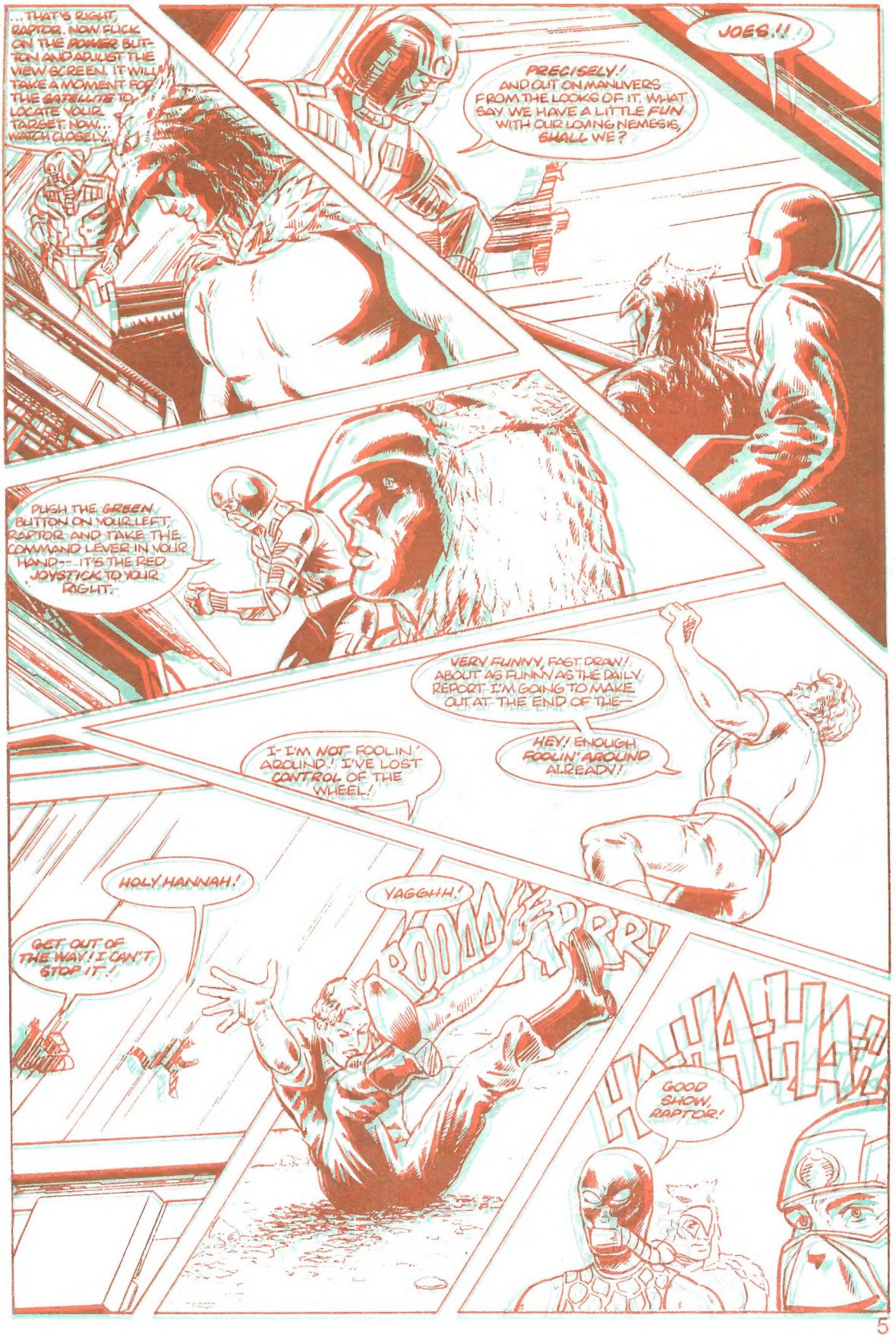
OOPS, PARDON ME! WAS THAT THE GAS PEDAL?!

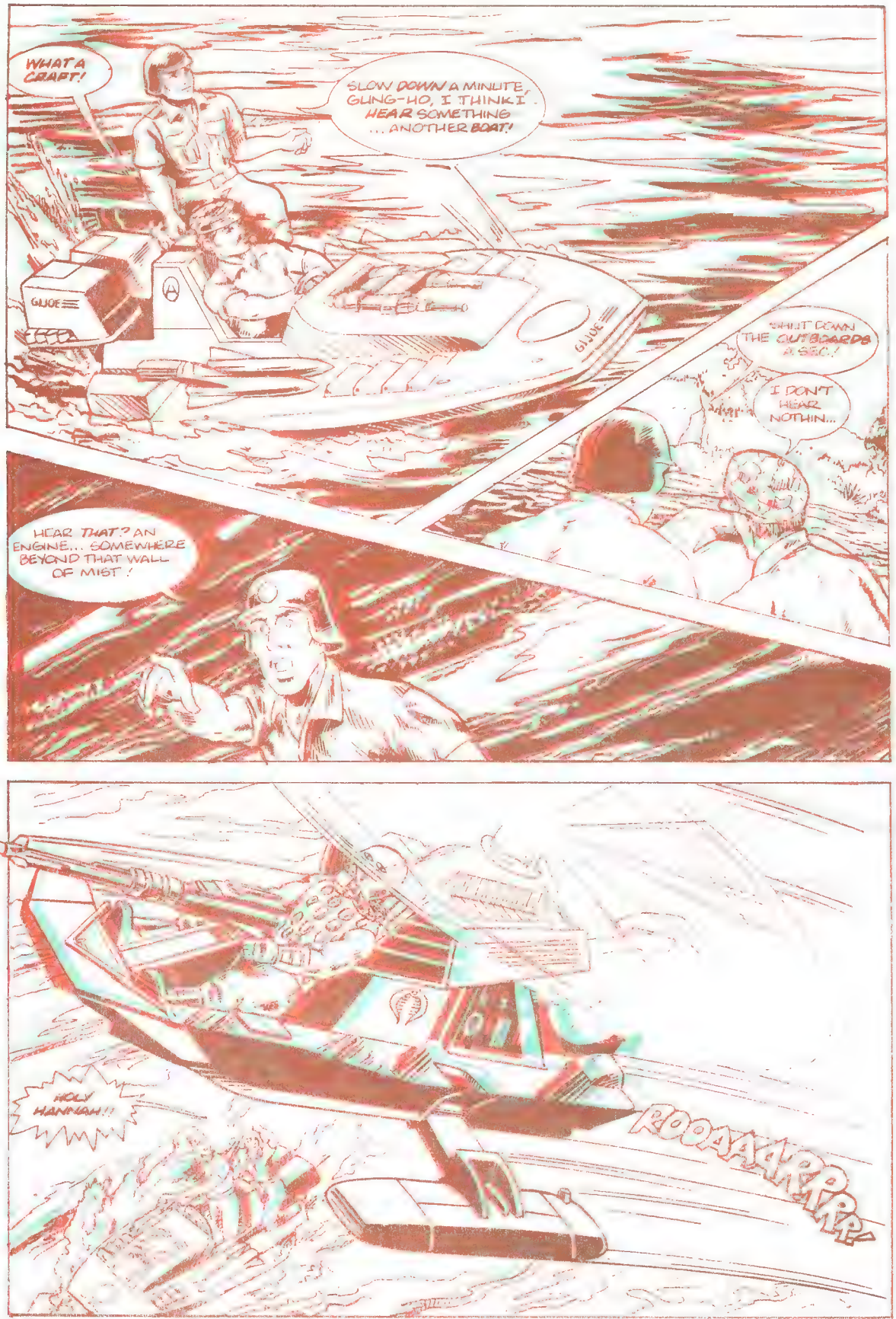

...THAT'S RIGHT, RAPTOR. NOW FLICK ON THE POWER BUTTON AND ADJUST THE VIEW SCREEN. IT WILL TAKE A MOMENT FOR THE SATELLITE TO LOCATE YOUR TARGET. NOW... WATCH CLOSELY.
JOES!!
PRECISELY! AND OUT ON MANUVERS FROM THE LOOKS OF IT. WHAT SAY WE HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH OUR LOVING NEMESIS, SHALL WE?
PUSH THE GREEN BUTTON ON YOUR LEFT, RAPTOR AND TAKE THE COMMAND LEVER IN YOUR HAND-- IT'S THE RED JOYSTICK TO YOUR RIGHT.
VERY FUNNY, FAST DRAW! ABOUT AS FUNNY AS THE DAILY REPORT I'M GOING TO MAKE OUT AT THE END OF THE--
HEY! ENOUGH FOOLIN' AROUND ALREADY!
I- I'M NOT FOOLIN' AROUND! I'VE LOST CONTROL OF THE WHEEL!
HOLY HANNAH!
GET OUT OF THE WAY! I CAN'T STOP IT!
YAGGHH!
BOOM
RRR!
HA-HA-HA!!
GOOD SHOW, RAPTOR!

WHILE TWO HUNDRED MILES AWAY...
THERE GOES MY WRIST ALARM. WE CAN REMOVE THE BLINDFOLDS NOW, OUTBACK!
WELL, LOOKEE HERE! SNOW COUNTRY! NN KINDA TERRITORY!
MEEP! MEEP! MEEP!
IF YOU'RE THRILLED BY THAT, WAIT TIL YOU GET A LOAD OF THIS!
POWER SKIS! SAY, JINX, THIS IS ONE QUALIFYING MANEUVER I'M REALLY GOING TO ENJOY!
EE-HAH! THESE BABIES REALLY GO!
HEY, WAIT-UP, HUH? GIVE A GIRL A CHANCE!
YOUR TURN NOW, BIG BOA! SEE WHAT PLAY-MATES YOU CAN FIND!
WITH PLEASURE!
AH! A LITHESOME COUPLE ON HOLIDAY! AND SUCH INTERESTING SPORTING EQUIPMENT! LET'S GIVE IT A TEST RUN, SHALL WE?
S'MATTER, YA BIG LUG? CAN'T BEAT A GIRL? HA-HA!!
NO-O FAIR! YOU'RE LIGHTER!
HEY, DON'T GET INSULTED! I WAS ONLY KIDDING!
BDDDAFFTTT

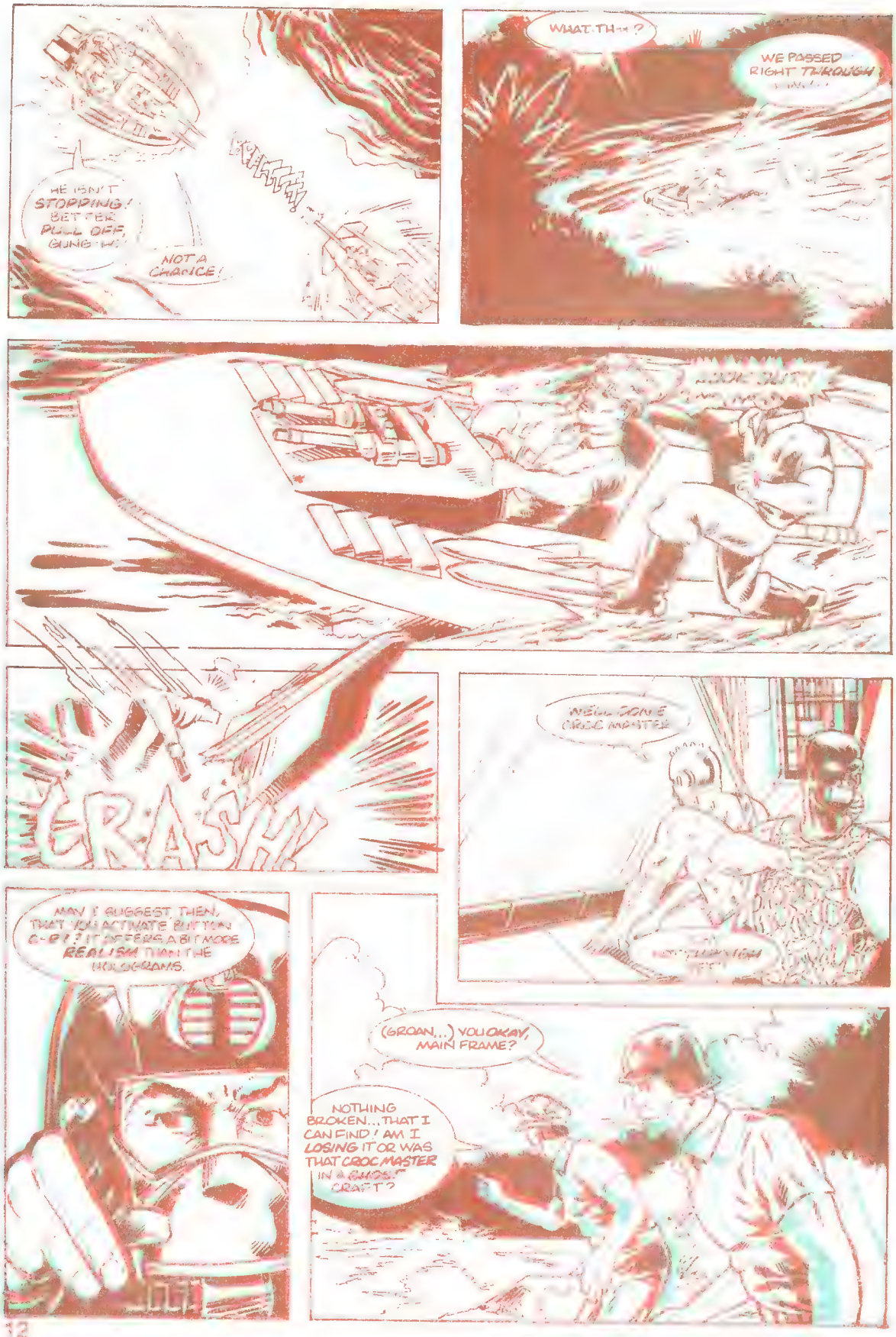
CLOSER, BOB, MANEUVER OUTBACK CLOSER TO HER!
WAIT YOUR TURN, CROCK MASTER!
BRAAATTTT SPRAAAAAAAAANG
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTBACK... KNOCK IT OFF!
I'M NOT FIRING JINX! IT'S A MALFUNCTION OF THE SKIS! AND THE DIRECTIONAL LEVER WON'T WORK! IT'S AIMING ME RIGHT INTO YOU!
KRATT-BRAAATTT!
A CHASM! IT'S A BIG JUMP, BUT MY ONLY CHANCE!
NOW IF I CAN GET THESE SKIS OFF QUICKLY ENOUGH--
WHOOOSH! BARELY!
WHEW!

—SORRY, OUTBACK!
WHUMP!
PLUMP!!
HA-HA! TOO BAD, BOA! YOU LOST YOUR PLAYER! MOVE OVER, NOW, MY TURN!
YOU OKAY?
NOTHING A LITTLE ALKA SELTZER WON'T FIX, BROTHER, IF THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MUNITION'S NEW EQUIPMENT, THEY CAN HAVE IT.
WE HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOU, CROC MASTER! SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!
AH! GLADES! SWAMPLAND! PARADISE!
LOOK CLOSER! THERE'S TROUBLE IN PARADISE, CROC MASTER!

IT IS THE DEVILFISH MAIN FRAME! THEY WANT HER TESTED OUT IN THIS QUAGMIRE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SOUND SO ECSTATIC ABOUT IT, SWAMP-BURNED MCGUNNITUS!
I WAS BORN AND BRED IN A SWAMP! SPENT BOOT CAMP THERE WHILE YOU DESK JOCKEYS WERE GETTING BEDSORES ON YOUR RUMPS! I LOVE IT! AND THIS HERE IS THE PERFECT LITTLE VEHICLE TO NAVIGATE ONE WITH!
CONCEITED BRAGGART! I WISH I COULD SQUARE OFF AGAINST THAT EGO-MANIAC WITH COBRA'S OWN DREADNOK SWAMPFIRE!
YOU CAN! PUSH THE YELLOW BUTTON ON THE CONSOLE DOWN THAT WILL ACTIVATE THE HOVERCRAFT SYSTEM!
THERE IS YOUR ARSENAL PRINTOUT. YOU NEED MERELY CHOOSE THE WEAPON OF YOUR CHOICE AND THE INTELLITRAK WILL BEAM A 3-D IMAGE OF IT ANYWHERE IN NORTH AMERICA!
HOT-CHA! THIS BABY REALLY MOVES!
YEAH, KEEP IT DOWN TO UNDER A THOUSAND KNOTS! HUH?!
EEEEEEEE--HAH!

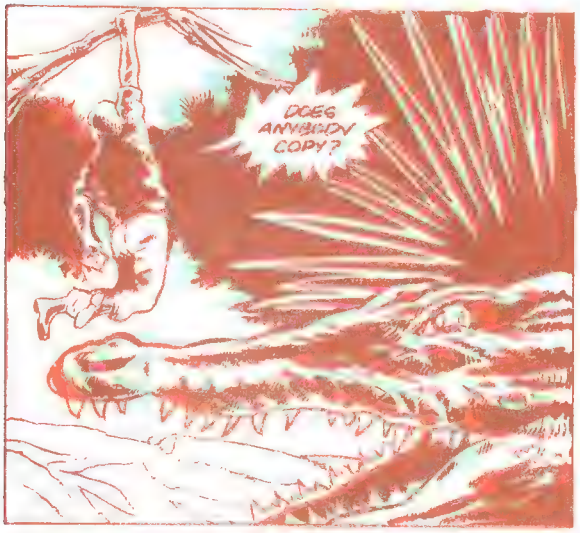

WHAT A CRAFT!
SLOW DOWN A MINUTE, GUNG-HO, I THINK I HEAR SOMETHING ... ANOTHER BOAT!
G.I.JOE
SHUT DOWN THE OUTBOARDS A SEC.!
I DON'T HEAR NOTHIN...
HEAR THAT? AN ENGINE... SOMEWHERE BEYOND THAT WALL OF MIST!
HOLY HANNAH!!
ROOAAARRR!

COBRA! WHAT THE BLAZES ARE THEY DOING HERE?
TESTING SOME NEW EQUIPMENT MAYBE?
YEAH? WELL, WE WERE HERE FIRST! LETS SHOW THEM WHAT SOME REAL EQUIPMENT CAN DO!
YO JOE!!
HUH...?
W-WHAT HAPPENED? HE WAS HERE A SECOND AGO!
BUNG-HO! BEHIND US!
BRATTTT
BRATTTT
OKAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
I'M GONNA TEACH THAT CRUMB A LESSON!
HE'LL JUST SEE MAD CHICKENS OUT FIRST!


HE ISN'T STOPPING! BETTER PULL OFF, GUNG-HO!
NOT A CHANCE!
WHAT THE--?
WE PASSED RIGHT THROUGH
CRASH!
WELL, GONE CROC MASTER
MAY I SUGGEST, THEN, THAT YOU ACTIVATE BUTTON C-D? IT OFFERS A BIT MORE REALISM THAN THE HOLOGRAMS.
(GROAN...) YOU OKAY, MAIN FRAME?
NOTHING BROKEN...THAT I CAN FIND! AM I LOSING IT OR WAS THAT CROC MASTER IN A CHIZ-CRAFT?

1
WHATEVER IT WAS IT DELIBERATELY CAUGHT US BY SURPRISE. WHAT COULD SOUR LIKE COBRA MAY BE TESTING A MORE POWERFUL WEAPON THAN WE IMAGINED!
2
...UH, GUNG-HO?
YEAH?
3
...I THINK OUR TROUBLES ARE JUST BEGINNING!
4
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE SOUTHWESTERN DESERT...
I DON'T GET IT THE RECON SLED SEEMS FINE NOW. WHAT MADE IT SUDDENLY LOSE CONTROL LIKE THAT?
5
MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH ITS LOUSY DRIVER!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS. MAYBE WE'D BETTER CHECK IN WITH THE OTHER JOES VIA MAIN
6
WHAT? AND MAKE THEM THINK WE CAN'T HACK IT OUT HERE ALONE? I'M NOT GONNA PUT UP WITH WEEKS OF OUTBACK'S RIBBING JUST CAUSE YOU CAN'T DRIVE A LAND SLED!
7
STOP BEING AN OLD MOTHER HEN. THE OTHERS ARE FINE. I'LL BET GUNG-HO IS OFF IN A SWAMP SOMEWHERE RIGHT NOW, PLAYING BLACK-JACK WITH AN ALLIGATOR!

THIS IS LEADER ONE, LEADER ONE, CALLING LEADERS TWO AND THREE! DO YOU COPY? CHUCKLES, NINJA, CAN YOU HEAR ME? WE GOT TROUBLES!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR FIVE MINUTES, CROC MASTER, NOW LET A REAL PRO TAKE OVER!
THE ALLIGATORS ARE REAL, NOT HOLOGRAMS LIKE THE BOAT
THE CONSOLE SENDS A SIGNAL TO THE SATELLITE, WHICH IN TURN SENDS A RADIO BEAM TO THE ANIMAL'S BRAIN. YOU CAN MAKE THEM OBEY SIMPLE COMMANDS BY USING THE JOYSTICK!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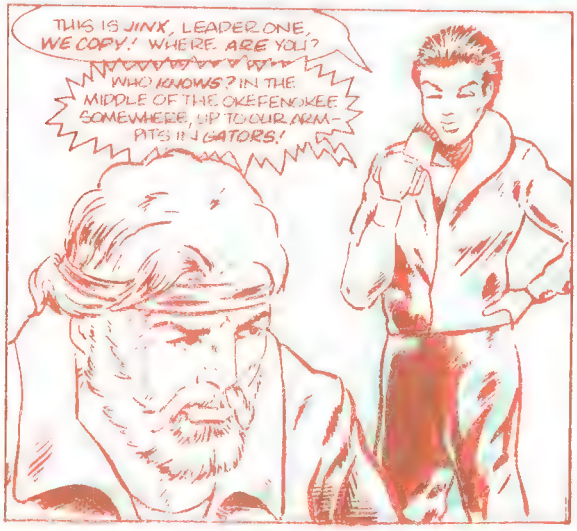
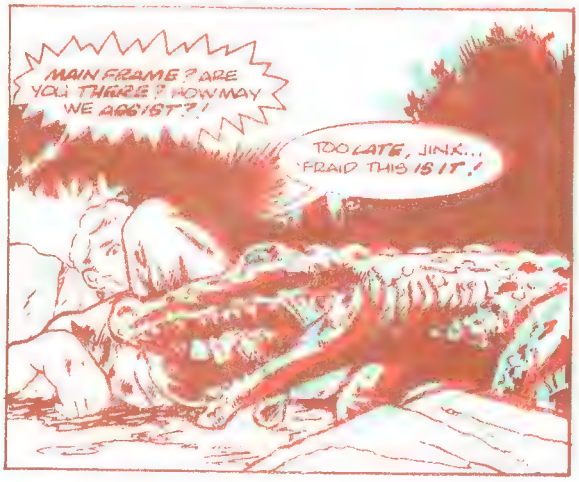
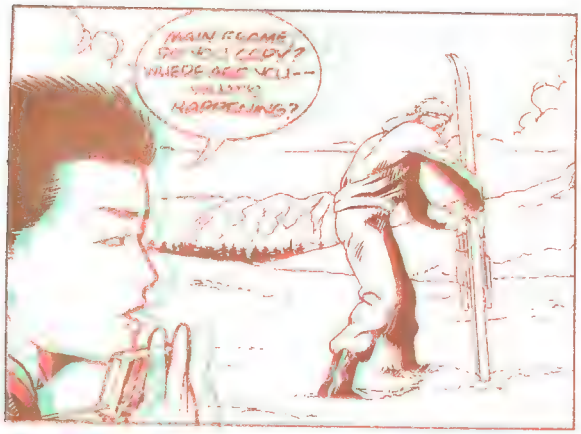
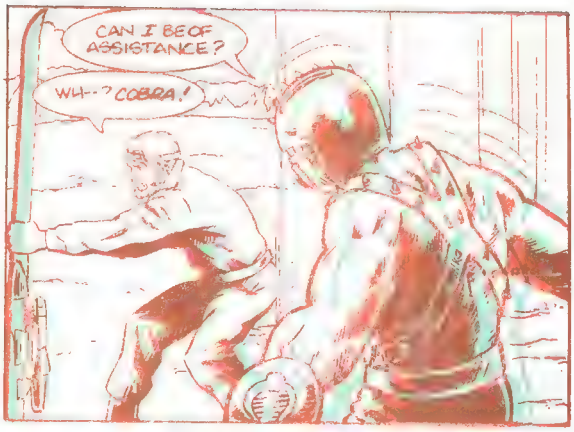

THIS IS JINX, LEADER ONE, WE COPY! WHERE ARE YOU?
WHO KNOWS? IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OKEFENOKEE SOMEWHERE, UP TO OUR ARMPITS IN GATORS!

HOW CAN WE HELP, MAIN FRAME?
JUST STAND BY! I HAVE A THEORY THAT-- AGH!
SNAP!

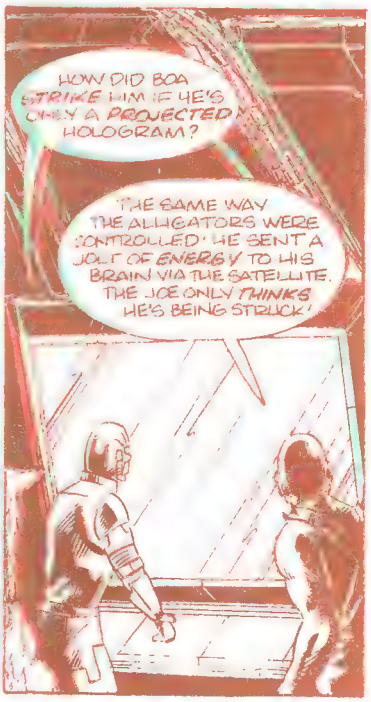

MAIN FRAME? ARE YOU THERE? HOW MAY WE ASSIST?!
TOO LATE, JINX... I'FRAID THIS IS IT!

I'D STILL FEEL BETTER IF I'D GIVEN THAT SLED A THOROUGH TEST.
SO TEST IT TOMORROW! WE GOT ALL WEEK.
RRRRROOAARR
NOW WHAT?! THE SLED JUST STARTED ITSELF UP!
CRIPES, HERE WE GO AGAIN!
HA-HA! RUN THEM DOWN, RAPTOR!
HEY... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE GATORS...?
T-THEY'RE MOVING OFF!
MUST'VE GOTTEN A WHIFF OF YOUR AFTER-SHAVE, MAINFRAME!
STRANGE... THEY SEEMED DISORIENTED ALL OF A SUDDEN. SOMETHING WEIRD'S GOING ON HERE.

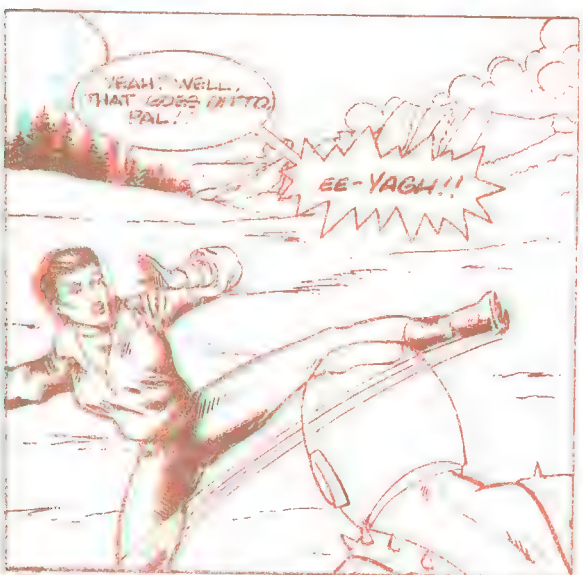

MAIN FRAME TO LADY J! LADY? WHERE ARE YOU--- WHAT'S HAPPENING?

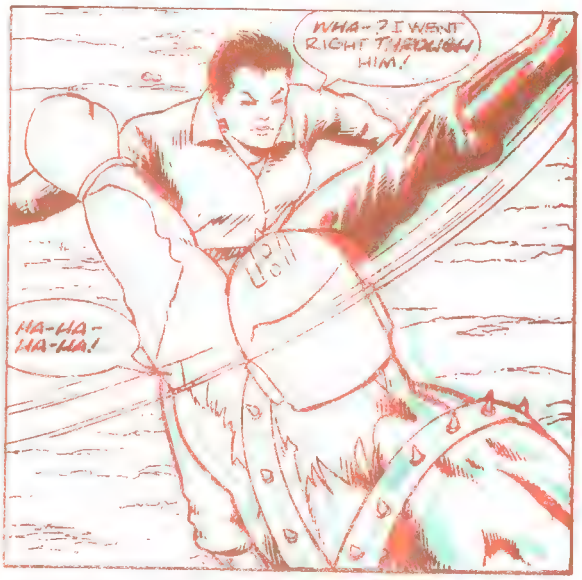

CAN I BE OF ASSISTANCE?
WH--? COBRA!

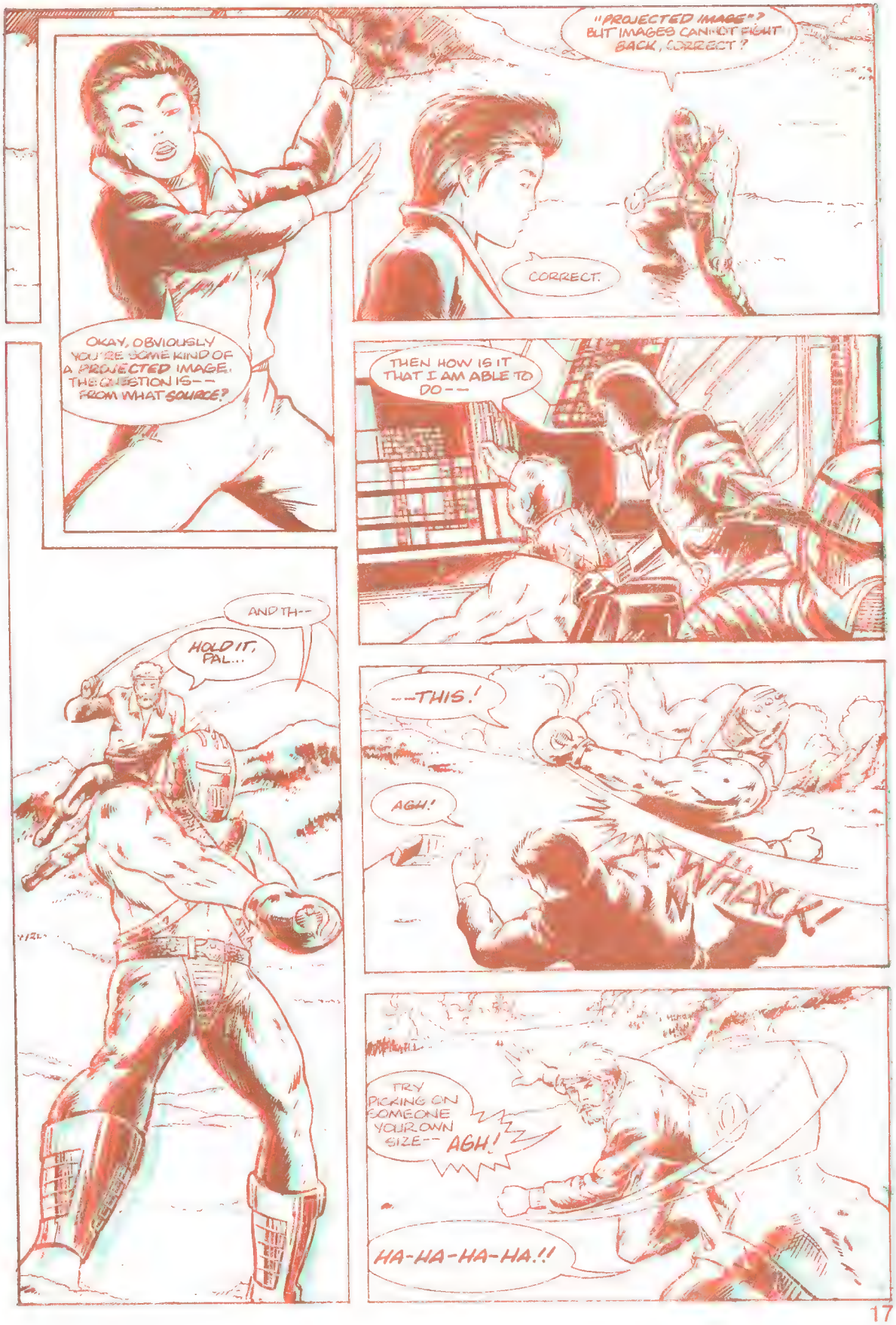
CRACK!!

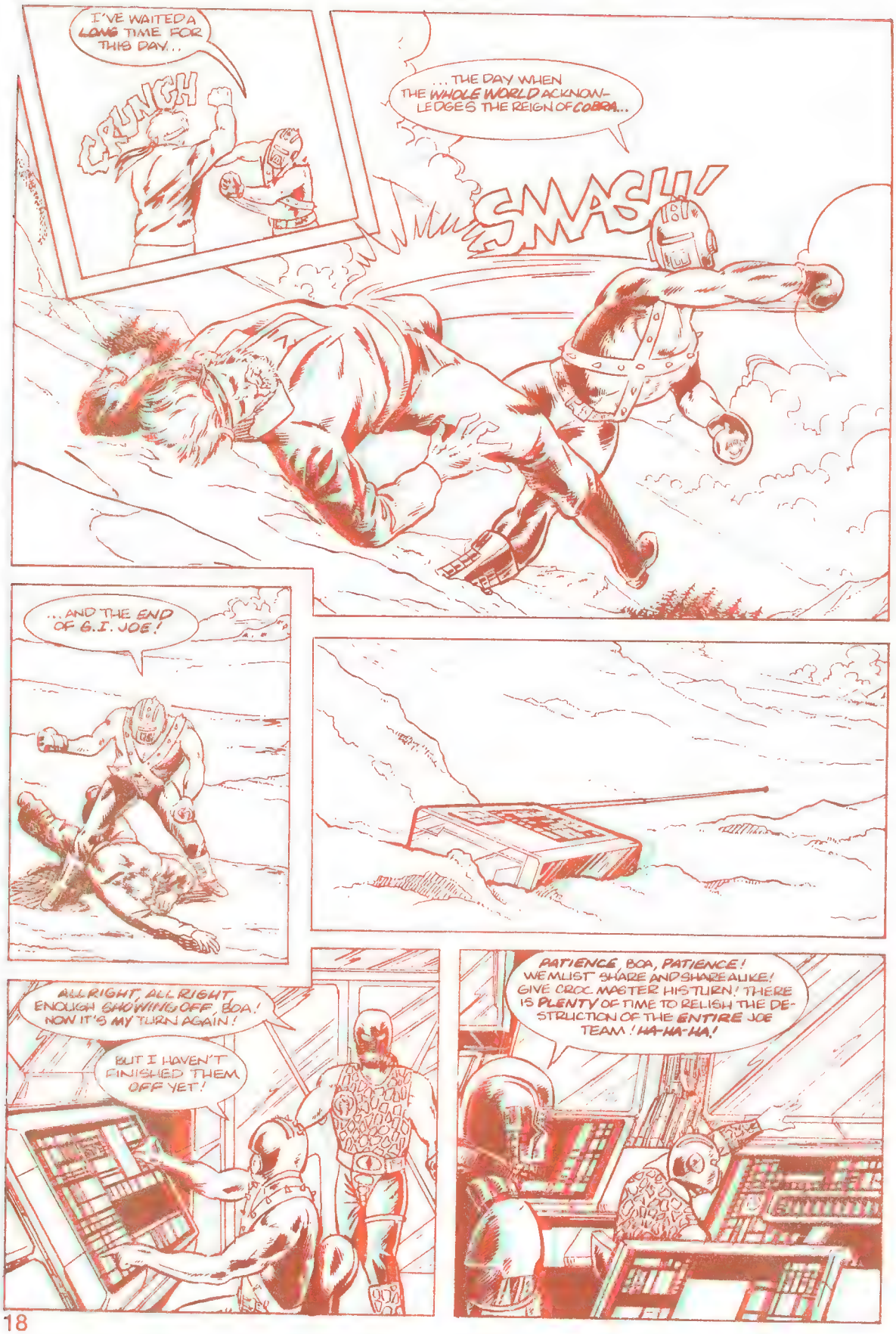

HOW DID BOA STRIKE HIM IF HE'S ONLY A PROJECTED HOLOGRAM?
THE SAME WAY THE ALLIGATORS WERE CONTROLLED. HE SENT A JOLT OF ENERGY TO HIS BRAIN VIA THE SATELLITE. THE JOE ONLY THINKS HE'S BEING STRUCK!

C-COBRA! WHO IN THE WORLD--? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
AH, THE LOVELIEST COMBATANT OF THEM ALL: JINX! I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!


YEAH. WELL, THAT GOES INTO, PAL!
EE-YAGH!!


WHA-? I WENT RIGHT THROUGH HIM!
HA-HA-HA-HA!

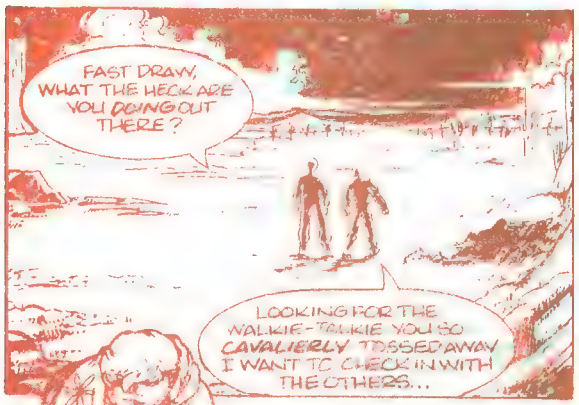

OKAY, OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE SOME KIND OF A PROJECTED IMAGE. THE QUESTION IS-- FROM WHAT SOURCE?
"PROJECTED IMAGE"? BUT IMAGES CAN'T FIGHT BACK, CORRECT?
CORRECT.
THEN HOW IS IT THAT I AM ABLE TO DO--
AND TH--
HOLD IT, PAL...
--THIS!
AGH!
WHACK!
TRY PICKING ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE-- AGH!
HA-HA-HA-HA!!

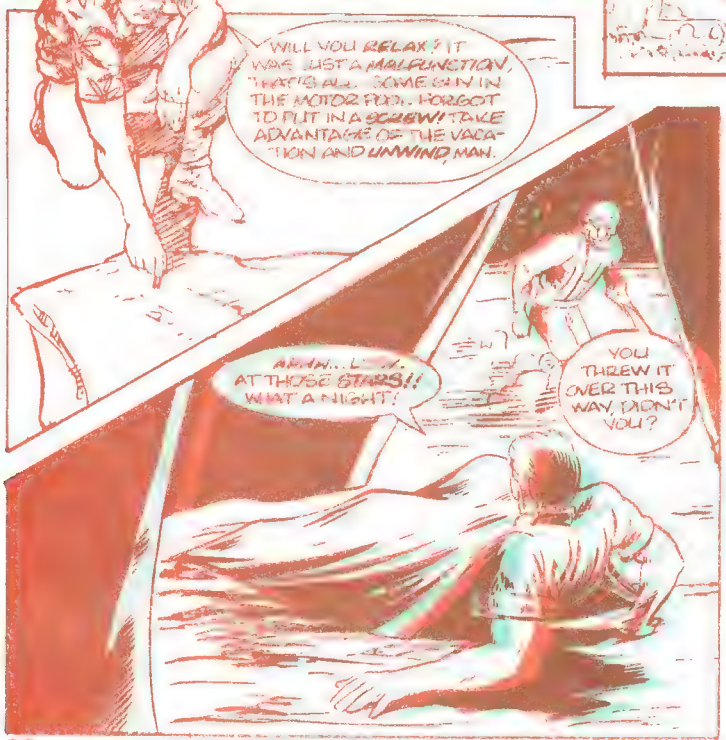

I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS DAY...
CRUNCH
... THE DAY WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD ACKNOWLEDGES THE REIGN OF COBRA...
SMASH!
...AND THE END OF G.I. JOE!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH SHOWING OFF, BOA! NOW IT'S MY TURN AGAIN!
BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED THEM OFF YET!
PATIENCE, BOA, PATIENCE! WE MUST SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE! GIVE CROC MASTER HIS TURN! THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO RELISH THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE JOE TEAM! HA-HA-HA!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT PIZ GLORIA, JOE'S TEMPORARY H.Q....
IT'S TEN O'CLOCK, SARGE. THE END OF THE FIRST NIGHT OF BIVOUAC FOR THE QUALIFYING JOES.
YEAH (YAWN) ABOUT TIME TO GRAB SOME SACK TIME FOR ME, TOO!
HERE WE SIT IN TOASTY COMFORT IN A LUXURIOUS PRIVATE SKI LODGE, AND THERE THEY ARE HUDDLED ABOUT THEIR CAMPFIRES IN THE COLD, RUGGED WILDERNESS. DOESN'T SEEM FAIR, DOES IT?
(YAWN) WE ALL HAVE TO QUALIFY IN THE FIELD, LIEUTENANT. NEXT YEAR WILL BE YOUR TURN.
I SUPPOSE... STILL... MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT IN A QUICK CALL CALL TO LEADER ONE, JUST TO CHECK ON THINGS.
I THOUGHT THEIR TRANSMITTERS ONLY WORKED ON A GROUP BAND: THEY CAN'T CALL US, WE CAN'T CALL THEM.
IT'S TRUE THEY CAN'T LOCATE US, BUT WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. I'M SURE ONE OF THE RADAR BOYS COULD WHIP UP SOMETHING TO TAP INTO THEIR FREQUENCY. I MEAN, IT WOULDN'T HURT JUST TO CHECK...
HA, HA! LIEUTENANT, YOU'RE GETTING SOFT! THE WHOLE POINT OF A QUALIFYING BIVOUAC IS TO TEST THE METTLE OF A SOLDIER UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS. IF THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A REAL BATTLE, THEY COULDN'T COME RUNNING TO DADDY THE FIRST TIME THINGS GOT ROUGH.
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
COME ON, QUIT WORRYING! THE MOST ACTION THOSE JOKERS WILL SEE TONIGHT IS FIGHTING OFF MOSQUITOS!

HMPH!

WELL, THAT'S ONE PIECE OF JOE EQUIPMENT THEY CAN'T KEEP! NOW WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK? AND WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSE TO SLEEP?


FAST DRAW, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE?
LOOKING FOR THE WALKIE-TALKIE YOU SO CAVALIERLY TOSSED AWAY I WANT TO CHECK IN WITH THE OTHERS...


WILL YOU RELAX? IT WAS JUST A MALFUNCTION, THAT'S ALL. SOME GUY IN THE MOTOR POOL FORGOT TO PUT IN A SCREW! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VACATION AND UNWIND, MAN.
AHHH... LOOK AT THOSE STARS!! WHAT A NIGHT!
YOU THREW IT OVER THIS WAY, DIDN'T YOU?

WILL YOU STOP PACING AROUND AND COME TO BED, FOR GOD'S SAKE? YOU'RE MAKING ME NERVOUS!
ALL RIGHT, BUT I'D SLEEP A LOT BETTER IF I KNEW WHY THAT CRED WENT ANYWHERE ALL BY HIMSELF!

LEADER ONE TO LEADER TWO... COME IN JINX, OUTBACK! DO YOU COPY? WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
WHAT'S UP?
ZIP IS WHAT'S UP. ALL OF A SUDDEN THEY'RE NOT ANSWERING. I'LL TRY FAST DRAW AND CHUCKLES.
MEEP! MEEP! MEEP!
LEADER ONE TO LEADER THREE, ARE YOU THERE? COME ON, YOU GUYS, ANSWER! I THINK WE'RE ALL IN BIG TROUBLE!

NO LUCK, HUH?
NUTHIN', AND I'M WORRIED..
MAYBE THEY'RE ALL SACKED OUT. LET'S FOLLOW SUIT AND TRY AGAIN TOMORROW!
DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... THE WAY THOSE GATORS ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION. YOU EVER SEE GATORS BAND TOGETHER IN FORCE LIKE THAT?
GO TO SLEEP, MAIN FRAME.
...OKAY, BUT I SMELL A RAT...
WHAT?
WHAT WHAT?
YOU TAPPED ME, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU'RE HAVIN' NIGHTMARES, I DIDN'T TAP YOU.
WELL, SOMEBODY TAPPED ME.
FELT LIKE IT WAS RIGHT HERE IN MY SLEEPING BA--
YAGGGHHHH!!
VIPER!
HA-HA! IT'S JUST A LITTLE BLACK SNAKE! S'MATTER, MAIN FRAME, TROUBLE ADJUSTIN TO THE WILD? HA-HA-HA!
HA-HA-H--
YAGGHHHHH! COTTON MOUTH!!

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HA! NOW WHO'S THE BIG OUTDOORSMAN?
HAHAHA
CROC MASTER, YOU SLAY ME!
2
YIPE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
OUTSIDE, QUICK! THEY'RE ALL OVER THE TENT!
YAGHH! EVEN UP HERE!
IT ISN'T YOU I INTEND TO SLAY RAPTOR!
HOLY HANNAH!
THE TREE, QUICK! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

AGH! I'M HIT! WATER MOCCASIN!
ONLY ONE CHANCE! LEAP BACK TO THE TENT!
WHUMP
OUT OF THE FRYING PAN...
NOT IF I CAN GET THIS OIL LAMP STARTED!
SMMFF
WHOOM
SMARTER, BOYS. THINGS GET TOO HOT FOR YOU?
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

TOO BAD, CROC MASTER, BUT YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO FINISH OFF THOSE TWO JOES IN THE DESERT!
NICE WORK, GUNG-HO, I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
THAT'S WHAT A FELLOW JOE IS FOR, PAL... AND THIS ANTI-SNAKE-BITE VENOM SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT LITTLE PRESENT FROM YOUR FRIEND.
THE WALKIE-TALKIE!
THIS IS LEADER ONE... OVER!
MAIN FRAME, IT'S JINX! WE'RE IN TROUBLE -- ATTACKED BY COBRA -- OUTBACK IS OUT COLD, OUR EQUIPMENT'S BEEN SABOTAGED AND A STORM'S COMING UP! CAN YOU ADVISE?
WHERE IS COBRA NOW?
GONE FOR THE MOMENT. HE COMES AND GOES OUT OF THIN AIR! ANY WHILE YOU'RE TEMPT TO PUT IT DOWN TO RIGHT THROUGH HIM!
LISTEN, JINX, WE'VE BEEN ATTACKED TOO, AND I'M CONVINCED COBRA'S BEHIND IT SOMEHOW. SEEMS TO LIKE THEY'VE GOT A HOLOGRAM PROJECTION SYSTEM HOOKED UP SOMEWHERE, PROBABLY VIA SATELLITE. IF THEY'RE ABLE TO REACH US WAY OUT THERE
WHAT CAN WE DO?

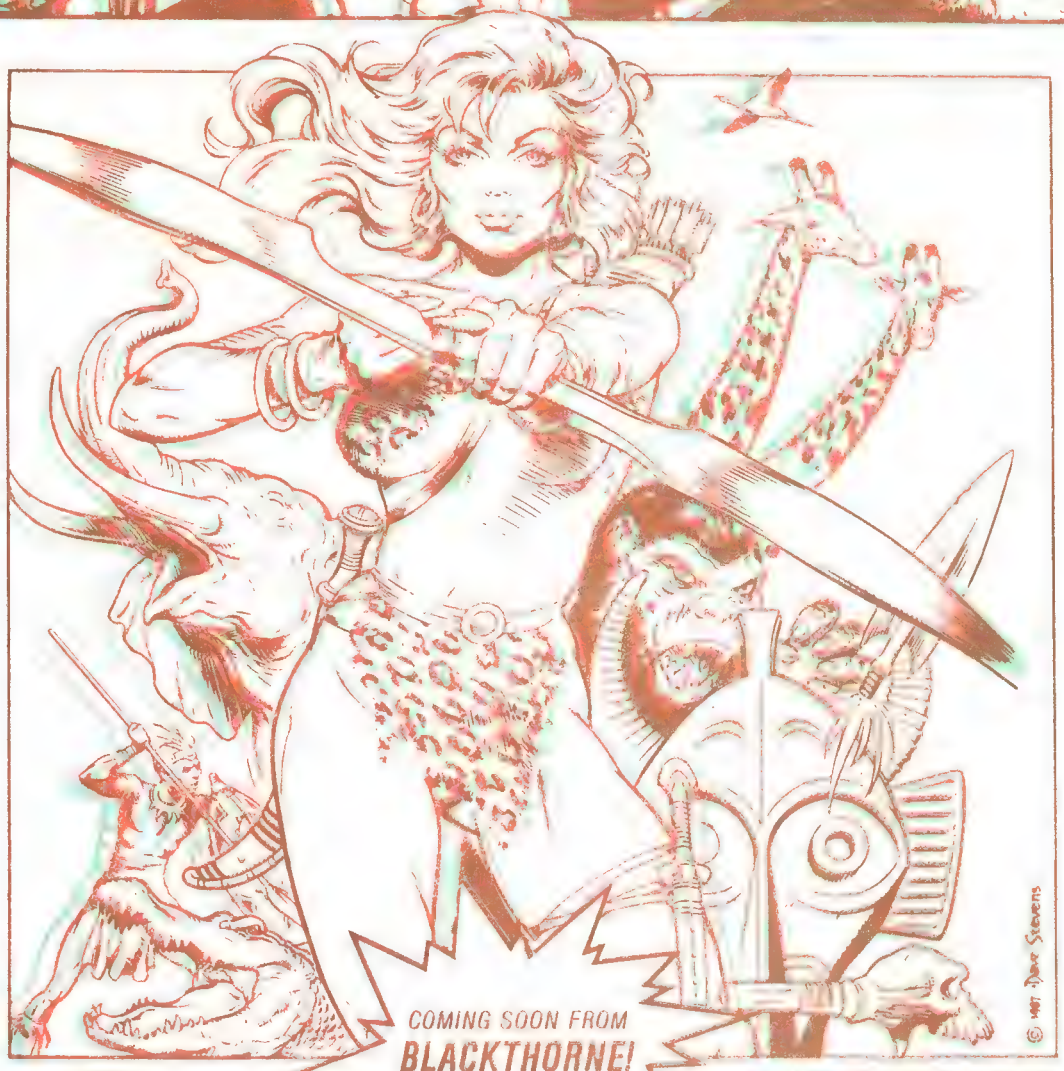
WE'RE CUT OFF FROM JOE H.Q., BUT NOT FROM THE NIGHT SKY! POINT YOUR TRANSMITTER TOWARD THE NORTH STAR AND TURN THE GREEN BUTTON SLOWLY TO THE LEFT UNTIL IT PULSES! IF THERE'S A FOREIGN SATELLITE UP THERE, THE TRANSMITTER WILL PICK IT UP.
Ping Ping Ping
GOT IT, MAIN FRAME! BUT WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?
ALL THREE TRANSMITTERS ARE TIED INTO THE SAME BAND! WE CAN BOUNCE THE SATELLITE'S TRANSMISSION BACK INTO ITSELF IF ALL THREE UNITS ARE OPERATING SIMULTANEOUSLY. BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET AHOLD OF CHUCKLES AND FAST DRAW...
Ping Ping Ping
...AND I CAN'T RAISE THEM.
... HUH?
CLANK CLANK CLANK
CLANK CLANK CLANK
W-WHAT THE BLAZES?!
IT'S THE RECONSLED.. ALL CRUMPLED AND MASHED TOGETHER... AND WALKING TOWARD US!
IT'S A NIGHTMARE!
NO, PAL, IT'S ALL TOO REAL!
KA-FU!
HAH HAH HAH

CRUNCH!
OOF! TRIPPED ON SOMETHING!
THE TRANSMITTER!
CHUCKLES TO LEADER ONE, CHUCKLES TO LEADER ONE! WE'RE IN TROUBLE. DO YOU COPY?!
CHUCKLES, AT LAST! LISTEN, NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! COBRA'S ATTACKING VIA SATELLITE! POINT YOUR TRANSMITTER TOWARD THE SOUTH STAR AND TURN THE SCREEN DIAL. WHEN YOU GET A PING, PRESS THE BLUE STUD. RE-PEAT: THE BLUE STUD. DO YOU COPY?
OKAY, LEADER ONE, I'M LOCKED-IN!
JINX, YOU THERE?
ROGER, LEADER ONE! READY TO FIRE!
FIVE... FOUR... THREE...
THEY'RE ON TO US! CRUSH THE JOE, QUICKLY!
I'M TRYING!

...TWO
...ONE..
FIRE!
ZIZZITT
BROOOMM!
ZZZRTTT
BLAAANKKGGGG
YYAAGGGHHH!!
CLUM

YAH-HOO! DIRECT HIT!
CHUCKLES, JINX! YOU GUYS OKAY?
EVERYTHING'S COPACETIC HERE! KNOW ANYONE WHO NEEDS A SLIGHTLY USED RECONNER?
WARM AS TOAST OVER HERE, LEADBONE! THE LASER BEAM ON THAT TRANSMITTER OF YOURS MAKES A DANDY LITTLE FIRE STARTER!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER AT JOE H.Q.'S...
WELL, WELL, WELL, HERE COME THE WEARY TRAVELERS! ANYTHING EXCITING HAPPEN TO YOU GIRLS OUT THERE IN THE FIELD?
NAH!! SAME OLD BORING BIVOUAC! QUALIFYING IS SUCH A DRAG!
YA SEE, LIEUTENANT WHAD I TELL YA? NUTHIN TO WORRY ABOUT!

It's a Jungle Out There!



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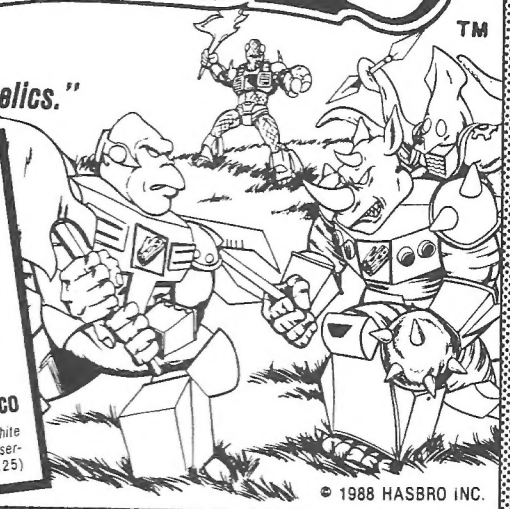

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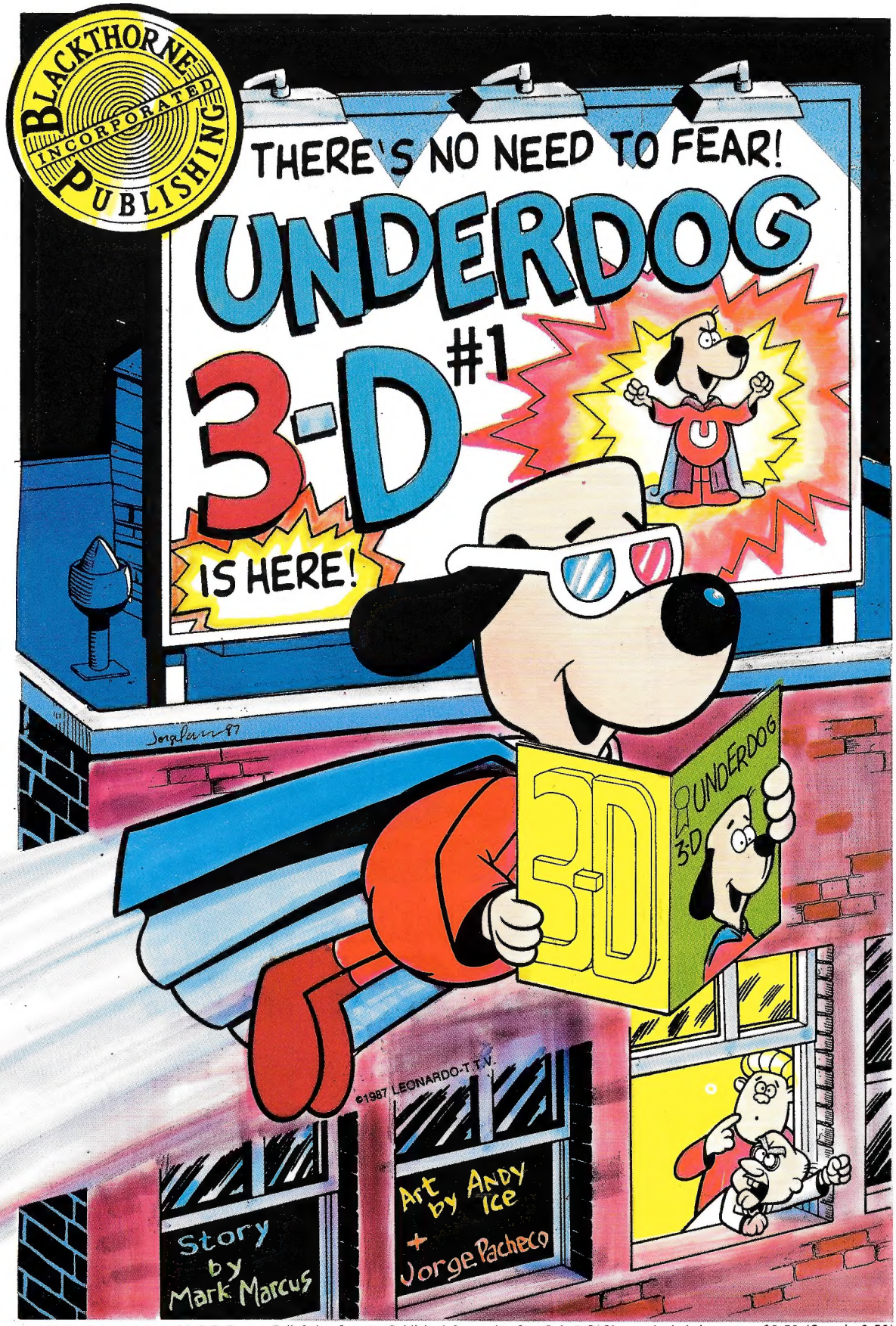

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